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## San Jose Independent Police Auditor Recruiting Teen Advisors

SAN JOSÉ – The City of San Jose's Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) is recruiting 15 young people to participate in an IPA Teen Leadership Council or IPA-TLC. The group is being formed to provide insight to the IPA about youth interactions with the San Jose Police Department and about how to improve their relationship with law enforcement. The youth will receive leadership training and participate in IPA outreach efforts throughout the City this coming summer, 2011.

To be considered for the IPA-TLC, an applicant must reside in San Jose and be between the ages of 14 to 18. One IPA-TLC member will be selected from each of the City's ten City Council Districts. In addition, the IPA will select five at-large members.

Applications, which are available on-line at <a href="www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA">www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA</a>, must be filed on or before February 28, 2011 at 5pm. The may be submitted by mail, email, fax or in-person. Further information can be obtained by calling (408) 794-6226.

The mission of the IPA is to provide independent oversight of and instill confidence in the citizen complaint process through objective review of police misconduct investigations. Complaints of police misconduct can be filed with the IPA in person or by phone, fax, mail, or email. The IPA reports on patterns and trends to the City Council and makes recommendations for improvements to police policies.